MOSCOW, March 24 (Reuter) - Russia's lower house of parliament urged President Boris Yeltsin on Friday to consider imposing economic sanctions on Estonia after the Baltic State ordered the deportation of an ethnic Russian political activist.

The State Duma voted to ask Yeltsin to consider imposing the unspecified sanctions until Moscow believed Estonia's attitude towards ethnic Russians in the former Soviet republic was in line with international human rights agreements.

Some 241 deputies backed the decision, which is not legally binding on Yeltsin, and none opposed it. Two deputies abstained.

The move follows a long rift with Estonia over the rights of ethnic Russians.

Estonian police said they arrested Piotr Rozhok, an activist of Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky's Liberal Democratic Party, because he failed to comply with an order from the Citizenship and Migration Department to leave the country.

National radio in Estonia said Rozhok, a Russian citizen, had been put on a train headed for Russia.

Officials ordered his deportation after accusing him of undermining Estonia's fledgling constitution.

"Since 1993, Piotr Rozhok has been regularly committing acts which can be viewed as subversive activity against Estonia's constitutional order and territorial integrity," Ene Rebane, director-general of the citizenship department, told reporters.

Rozhok had attempted to hamper the restoration of Estonia's independence, secured from the former Soviet Union in 1991, and had made several anti-Semitic statements, she said.

Rozhok appealed last month to a rally of the Russian Citizens Union in the Estonian town of Narva not to comply with a law obliging them to apply for residence permits, saying Estonia was ancient Russian territory, Rebane said.

About 38 percent of Estonia's 1.5 million population are non-Estonians, mainly ethnic Russians but also Ukrainians and Belarussians. An increasing number are becoming naturalised.

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